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SUMMARY: AT PRIVATE DPC MEETING AUGUST 21 AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO HEAR GREEK STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS AT REGULAR SEPTEMBER 17 NAC MEETING, AND, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NAC SESSION THAT DAY, TO HOLD DPC MEETING TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE PROCEDURES GREECE IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT DPC MEETING, SYG LUNS CIRCULATED FOLLOWING INFORMAL MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY DEPUTY SYG PANSO ON HIS DISCUSSION AUGUST 13 WITH GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS CONCERNING FORM AND FORUM FOR GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS: BEGIN TEXT: AMBASSADOR THEODOROPOULOS SAID THAT GREECE ENVISAGED THE FIRST STEP BEING A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING IN WHICH HE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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MAKE A GENERAL STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT GREECE WAS READY TO START CONVERSATIONS WITH NATO. THIS COUNCIL MEETING MIGHT ALSO ESTABLISH SOME GENERAL LINES OF PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING OUT THESE CONVERSATIONS. THIS

WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING, POSSIBLY AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, BETWEEN GREECE AND THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE, OR A SMALL GROUP (PERHAPS THREE OR FOUR) REPRESENTING THE DPC. AT THIS STAGE GREECE WOULD MAKE A GENERAL PRESENTATION TO THE DPC AS TO HOW GREECE SEES THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS. AS TO THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, HE STATED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO AGREE FOR INSTANCE ON PRIORITIES AND LEVELS OF REPRESENTATION. AMBASSADOR THEODOROPOULOS CITED AS EXAMPLES THAT INFRA-STRUCTURE QUESTIONS MIGHT BE HANDLED AT EXPERTS LEVEL, WHEREAS QUESTIONS OF COMMAND WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT A HIGHER LEVEL. HE ALSO ALLUDED TO THE ROLE OF SACEUR IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

2. IN ENSUING DPC DISCUSSION, AGREEMENT EMERGED (A) TO LUNS' PROPOSAL THAT GREEK STATEMENT BE MADE TO REGULAR SEPTEMBER 17 NAC SESSION AND (B) TO TURKISH PERMREP ERALP'S PROPOSAL THAT DPC BE CONVENED THAT SAME DAY TO CONSIDER PROCEDURAL STEPS PROPOSED BY GREECE. NONE EXPECTED DECISIONS TO BE REACHED AT SEPTEMBER 17 DPC, SINCE INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE NEEDED BASED ON GREEK PRESENTATION THAT DAY. HOWEVER, INITIAL DPC DISCUSSION COULD HELP TO FOCUS ALLIED VIEWS.

3. ERALP SAID THAT GREEK PROPOSAL FOR A SMALL GROUP TO NEGOTIATE ON BEHALF OF DPC, AS REPORTED IN PANSAS MEMORANDUM, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE SINCE TURKEY PREFERRED PARTICIPATION OF ENTIRE DPC IN NEGOTIATIONS. LUNS AGREED THAT A SMALL GROUP WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS BECAUSE ALL GOVERNMENTS WOULD WISH TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS.

4. COMMENT: NOTION OF ESTABLISHING SEPARATE "GROUP OF 13" FOR GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY ALL ON BASIS THAT, WHILE SUCH A PROCEDURE WAS USEFUL IN 1966-1967 FRANCE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE DPC NOW EXISTS IT SHOULD BE UTILIZED AS FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOP-
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ING POSITIONS OF THE 13. NONE ADDRESSED THE MODALITIES FOR ACTUALLY ENGAGING THE DPC WITH GREEK REPS IN NEGOTIATIONS, BUT CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS HAVE REVEALED THAT LUNS IS CONSIDERING HAVING THE GREEK PERMREP INVITED TO ATTEND SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE DPC, WHERE HE WOULD BE SEATED BESIDE LUNS FOR EXCHANGES ON GREEK PROPOSALS. DEPENDING UPON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MILITARY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED BY GREECE, THIS MAY BE SATISFACTORY, THOUGH WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SUGGESTING AD HOC MEETINGS AMONG, SAY, THE DEAN OF PERMREPS REPRESENTING THE 13, SYG LUNS AND THE GREEK PERMREP, FOR SENSITIVE EXCHANGES NOT SUITABLE FOR FORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE DPC FRAMEWORK. ALSO, PANSAS COULD BE ENLISTED TO CHAIR WORKING SUB-

GROUPS. WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON VIEWS.BRUCE

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